

Common Health Concerns

Muscle/Joint	Gastrointestinal
Mental Health	Hearing
Vision	Pulmonary
Pain	

Seamless Transition Aims

First and foremost, we aim to partner with the Department of Defense to promote a seamless transition of care for returning combat service members. We are creating a multi-system network of VHA, VBA, DOD, Vet Centers, National Guard and Reserve, State, and community providers to best meet their unique and diverse needs. Together we will also operate as mutual co-managers of health and mental healthcare for the returning combat service member who chooses the VA healthcare and benefits option. Various specialty services are available at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and outreach efforts that personalize the transition from active duty to veteran status are underway. Please do not hesitate to contact Stephen Preston at 813-972-2000 ext 6173 our facility Point of Contact for more information on available services and eligibility.



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Tampa Area Facilities

Orlando VA Healthcare Center

Brevard Outpatient Clinic

New Port Richey Outpatient Clinic

Lakeland Community Based Outpatient Clinic

Zephyrhills Community Based Outpatient Clinic

Brooksville Community Based Outpatient Clinic

Sanford Community Based Outpatient Clinic

Kissimmee Community Based Outpatient Clinic



A VA/DOD Collaborative Effort

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*Partnership to Promote
a "Seamless Transition"*

*Reaching Out to
Returning Combat
Service Members*



**Returning Combat Service
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Seamless Transition Program

A VA Healthcare Option

It is our duty and privilege to provide combat service members with the best



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available care. The VA has developed a special program, the Seamless

Transition Program, to meet the specific

needs of those returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). Many combat service members have suffered injury and/or illness related to their hazardous duty assignment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Our goal is to ensure these service members receive the highest quality of care in a timely manner.

The James A Haley Veterans' Hospital will continue to examine the unique needs of OIF/OEF service members and provide services to meet those needs.

We encourage you to contact Stephen Preston, Returning Service Member POC at 813-972-2000 Ext 6173 to assist you in establishing healthcare services and to answer any questions you may have.

Available Health Care Services

- ◆ Hospital, outpatient medical, nursing home, and community-based residential care
- ◆ Dental, pharmacy, and prosthetic services
- ◆ Sexual trauma counseling
- ◆ Specialized women's healthcare
- ◆ Outreach programs for homeless veterans
- ◆ Mental Health
- ◆ Post-Deployment Readjustment counseling
- ◆ Chaplain Services including marriage and family counseling
- ◆ Alcohol and drug dependency treatment
- ◆ One of four national lead Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Injury Centers
- ◆ Case Management through Social Work Service
- ◆ Medical evaluation for military service exposure: Blast Injuries, Gulf War Exposures, Agent Orange, Ionizing Radiation, and certain other environmental hazards.

Eligibility

There are many factors used in determining basic eligibility for VA benefits. These include the following:

- Active duty in the Armed Forces with a discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable conditions establishes veteran status. The length of time on active duty may be a factor.
- Reservist or National Guard members can establish eligibility for VA healthcare benefits only if a presidential order activated them for federal duty.
- Reservists who are never called to active duty may qualify for some benefits through the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA).

Enrollment

You can apply for VA healthcare by completing VA form 10-10EZ. The 10-10EZ may be obtained by visiting, calling, or writing any VA healthcare facility or the VBA office. You can also call toll-free at 1-877-222-VETS (1-877-222-8387) or access the form on the internet at <http://www.va.gov/1010ez.htm>.

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